



ATTORNEYS IN VANUATU

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The following guidelines may be helpful:

Contact several attorneys, brief describe the nature of the services you desire, and find out the attorney's qualifications and experience. Ask for a written schedule of fees charged for the services you need. Do not turn over documents or funds until you are certain the attorney understands your legal needs and will handle your case.

If you cannot afford an attorney, Public Solicitor, Mr. Hillary Toa may be able to assist you. The telephone number is (678) 23450 and fax (678) 23451.

When dealing with your attorney find out how the attorney plans to represent you. Ask specific questions and expect the attorney to explain the legal process and the legal activities planned on your behalf, in a language you understand. Have your attorney analyze your case and give you the positive and negative aspects and probable outcome. Tell the attorney every relevant fact needed to represent your interest.

Ask your attorney to keep you advised of the progress on your case accordingly to a pre-established schedule. Request copies of all letters and documents prepared on you behalf.

If the services of your attorney prove unsatisfactory or if require additional attorneys you may call Mr. Julis Ozol the President of the Vanuatu Law Society on Telephone (678) 26740; Fax (678) 26742

To obtain an attorney in the United States or in another country, check The Lawyer's List website on www.thelawyerslist.net or at Text-Only Guide to Martindale_Hubbell's site at www.martindale.com

Port Vila

HUDSON & SUGDEN

First Floor, Lolam House, Lini Highway (in the main street, next to the Post Officer and above the Adventure Centre); PO Box 7, Port Vila, Vanuatu

Tel: (678) 22166/25144; Fax: (678) 24260; Email: hudcio@vanuatu.com.vu;

Website: www.hudson.ecn.net.au

Main fields of practice: Criminal, Business, Property, Government, Courts and personal

Firm Services: Translators, court reporter/stenographer and notary

Firm Members: D.N. Hudson and R.E. Sugden

Languages: English and French

Firm Associates: Marie-Noelle Ferrieux

NB: Firm represents number of private US clients

RIDGWAY BLAKE LAWYERS

Rue Emile Mercet (One block up the hill from the main Police Station, Blue Building on the right); PO Box 1272, Port Vila, Vanuatu

Tel: (678) 27222; Fax: (678) 27223; Email: vanlaw@ridgwayblake.com.vu

Main fields of practice: Commercial, Conveyance, Crime and Family

Firm Services: Translators, court reporter/stenographer and notary (if requested)

Firm Members: Garry Blake and Nigel Morrison

Languages: English, French and Bislama (National language)

Firm Associates: Jennifer La'au and Christina Thyna

JURIS OZOLS & ASSOCIATES ATTORNEY

First Floor, Anchor House, Lini Highway, Port Vila, Vanuatu; PO Box

Tel: (678) 26740; Fax: (678) 26742; Email: ozols@vanuatu.com.vu

Main fields of practice: Commercial and Litigious work

Firm Services: Translators and notary

Languages: English, some French, Latvian and Bislama (National language)